**Supply of Blood in Tribal Areas**

3975. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities Government propose to provide to ensure supply of clean blood to patients in tribal areas in the country;

(b) whether such facilities are available in urban areas only; and

(c) what measures are being taken to reduce this disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the Government is implementing a scheme for Development and Modernisation of blood banking and Blood Transfusion Services with the following objectives:—

(i) Improvement in the existing blood banks from district level and upto National Blood Transfusion services.

(ii) Development of trained manpower.

(iii) Maximum utilisation of available blood by plasma fractionation.

(iv) Incentives to voluntary organisations involved in voluntary blood donation programme.

All parts of the country including tribal and rural areas are expected to benefit from this scheme.

**Purchases of drugs included in National Health Programme**

3976. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the purchases of drugs covered under the various National Health Programmes are less than the purchases of drugs which have been omitted from the programmes;

(b) what are the total purchases of drugs under the National Health Programmes and what are the purchases of drugs which have been covered under various programmes in Category I and DPCO, 1987; and

(c) whether any committee has been set up to draw up a list of the comprehensive medicines required for National Health Programmes; and if so, what are the names of the members of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Since procurement of drugs for National Programmes are done both by Centre and States, it is difficult to give comparative figure of higher purchases.

The list of drugs procured is given in Cat. I of the Drugs Price Control Order.

(c) Experts under the supervision of C.G.H.S. in the Ministry of Health is engaged in identifying and reviewing of drugs required to be included under Cat. I.

**Purchases of drugs included in National Health Programmes**

3977. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that this Ministry was to identify the drugs required for the National Health Programmes, irrespective of the fact, whether they are procured for the programmes or not;

(b) whether it is a fact that purchases of certain medicines prescribed by the Doctors are reimbursed by all the institutions;

(c) whether this aspect was ignored while drawing up the last and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the complete list of drugs required for National Health Programmes is likely to be drawn up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The drugs procured and distributed for 8 National